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6. Further forward movement by Chinese Communist artillery observed in eastern Korea: The supply element of the 7th Chinese Communist Artillery Division, in east central and eastern Korea, recently requested headquarters to let them know "the distance between the new positions to which the 20th Regiment has advanced and Yongdok."

The Far East Command notes that this indicates a "sizeable forward displacement" of the 20th Artillery Regiment, subordinate to the 7th Division. Since the 21st Artillery Regiment of this division has been the only unit actively supporting front line enemy units in the sector, this movement definitely increases "the potential fire support for any future. . . operation." (SUEDE CINCFE SIB 491, 24 Apr 52)

7. Relief of Chinese Communist artillery division in western Korea suggested: Chinese Communist messages of 12 and 14 April indicated that elements of the 2nd Chinese Communist Artillery Division, previously in support of the 39th and 42nd Armies in west central Korea, were to be relieved by an unidentified unit between 20 and 24 April. The messages discussed routes of approach, the location of headquarters, and gave instructions about the ammunition load to accompany pieces moving into position.

On 16 April, the 29th Artillery Regiment, subordinate to the 2nd Artillery Division, advised its 2nd Battalion that "for the next few days we should maintain normal activity. . . so as to avoid arousing enemy suspicion about us. . . facilitate completion of our taking over."

On 20 April, although the 2nd Battalion reported completion of a firing mission, messages clearly indicated that both it and a battalion of the 30th Regiment, also of the 2nd Artillery Division, were moving to a new location, still unidentified.

A possible indication of which unit replaced the 2nd Chinese Communist Artillery Division is in a 20 April message from the 2nd Battalion, 29th Artillery Regiment, which stated "the 27th Regiment is lacking 10 units of . . . and two copies of . . ." The 27th Artillery Regiment, subordinate to the 1st Chinese Communist Artillery Division, has not been

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identified previously in this sector of the front. (SUEDE
997, 14 Apr, [] 998, 12 Apr, and [] 1012, 16 Apr;
501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2378, K-2386, K-2387, 22 Apr 52)

Comment: While it is apparent that major elements of the 2nd Artillery Division have moved from their previously occupied positions, the messages do not clearly indicate whether the units were relieved or if they remained in the immediate area of the front.

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